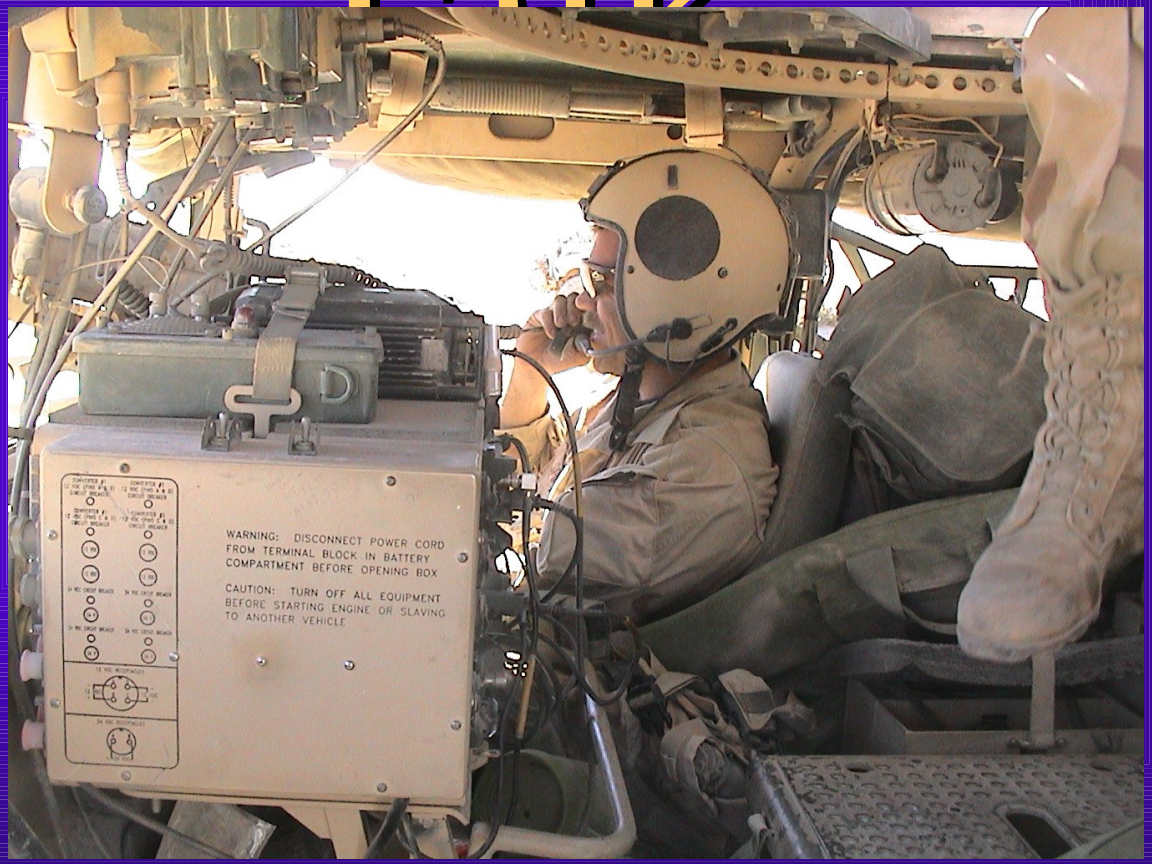
SF 101

Or… “What every SF Wife wishes she’d known before she got married!”

Agenda

- Introduction
- “Army Talk”
- Special Operators- the Big Picture
- What makes Special Forces “Special”
- SF and 19th Group- the nuts and bolts
- Shhh… OPSEC
- Family Readiness Groups

“Army Talk”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Military Acronyms

A common part of military life

They can simplify conversation but confuse newcomers and outsiders

New terms are added frequently

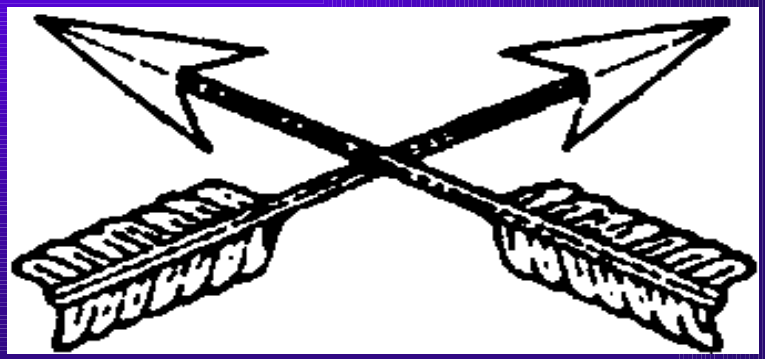
They can befuddle veterans and sometimes staff if they aren't "in the know".

DO NOT BE AFRAID TO ASK FOR CLARIFICATION

Commonly Used Jargon

OCONUS = Outside the continental US
CONUS = Inside the continental US
DA = Department of the Army
SFG (A) =Special Forces Group Airborne
USASOC =United States Army Special Operation Command
USASFC =United States Army Special Forces Command
LES = Leaves and Earning Statement
DZ = Drop Zone (also known as a LZ or Landing Zone)

What is that on their uniform?



- The Arrowhead alludes American Indians basic s which special forces are
- The dagger represents the unconventional nature of special forces operations.
- Three lightning flashes, their ability to strike rapidly from land, sea, or air.

When this unit patch is worn on the left shoulder it indicates a soldier's current unit. When this patch is worn on the right shoulder it indicates that a soldier served in combat while assigned to that unit.

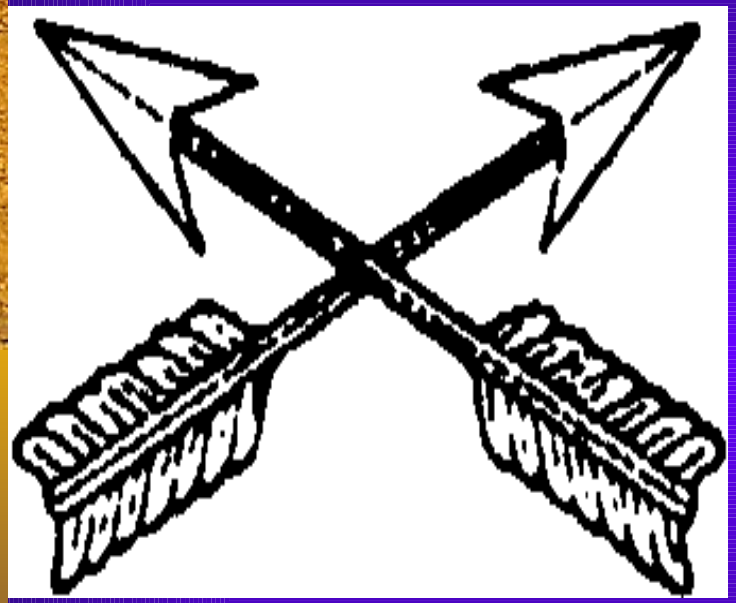
"DE OPPRESSO LIBER"

Translated from Latin

into English generally means

(To Free the Oppressed)

- This is the crest of the 1st Special Forces.
- This crest is worn by all Special Forces soldiers.
- It is worn by SF enlisted soldiers on their berets.
- It is worn on Class A's by all SF soldiers on their shoulders



- The Special Forces branch insignia was authorized in 1987 for wear by personnel in the Special Forces branch.

- This is worn by officers on all uniforms on their left collar and lapel.

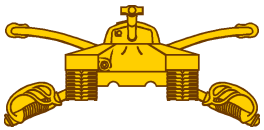
- This is worn by enlisted soldiers on

US Army Branch Insignia

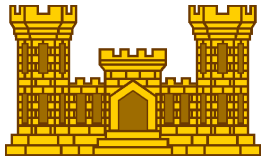
Combat Arms

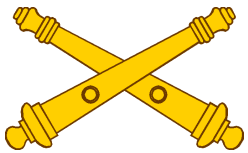
Infantry

Air Defense

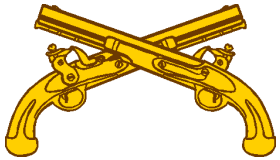

Armor

Aviation


Engineer


Field Artillery

Combat Support


Military Police

Military Intelligence

Signal

Chemical

Civil Affairs

Combat Service Support

Transportation

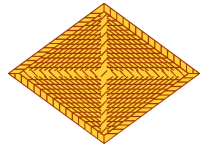
Quarter Master

Adjutant General

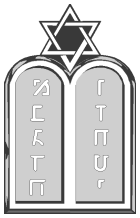
Medical Corps

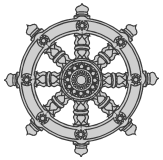
Judge Advocate General

Ordnance


Finance

Army Chaplain


Jewish Faith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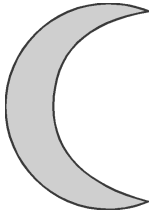
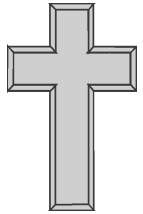
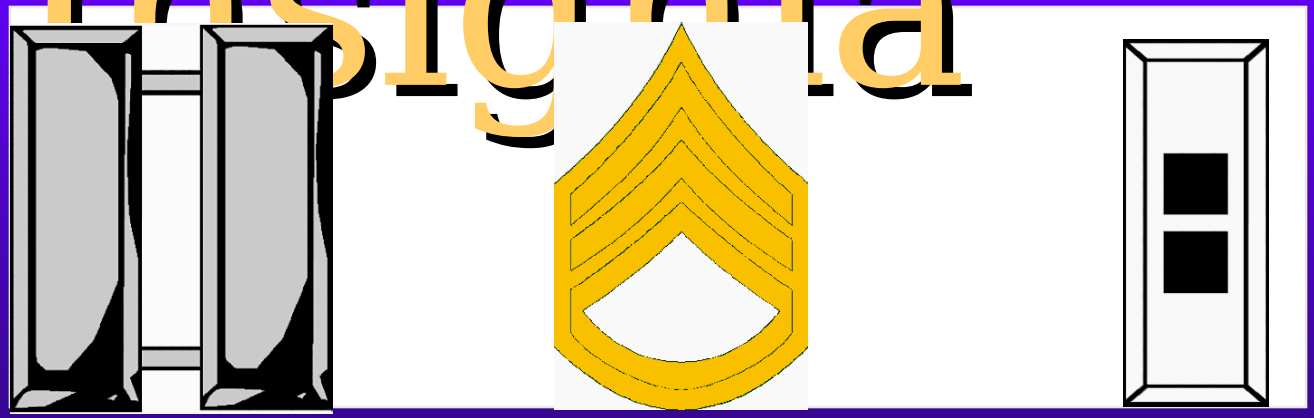
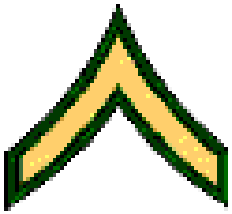

Muslim Faith


Christian Faith

Rank Insignia



Rank Insignia- Enlisted Personnel



E-2
Private

E-3
Private First Class

E-4
Specialist

E-4
Corporal

E-5
Sergeant

E-6
Staff Sergeant

E-7
Sergeant First Class

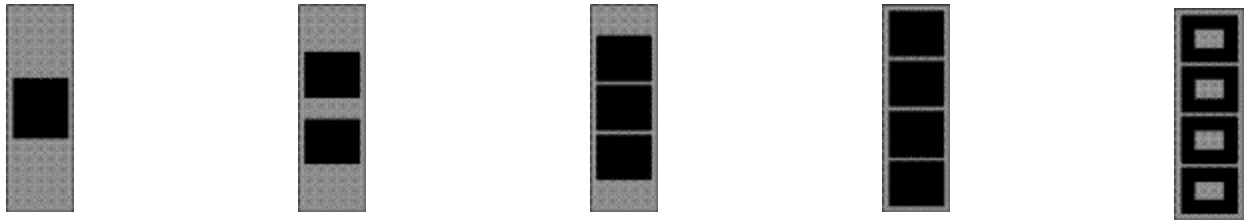
E-8
Master Sergeant

E-8
First Sergeant

E-9
Sergeant Major

Command
Sergeant Major

Rank Insignia – Warrant Officers



W-1 Warrant Officer

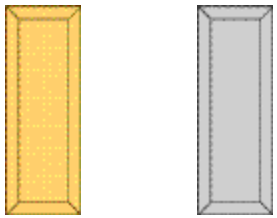
W-2 Chief Warrant Officer

W-3 Chief Warrant Officer

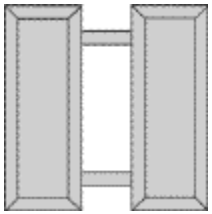
W-4 Chief Warrant Officer

W-5 Chief Warrant Officer

Rank Insignia – Commissioned Officers



2nd/1st LIEUTENANT



CAPTAIN

MAJOR

LIEUTENANT COLONEL

COLONEL

BRIGADIER GENERAL

MAJ GEN

LT GENERAL

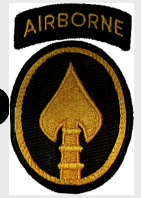
GENERAL

2/19 Special Forces Group (Airborne)

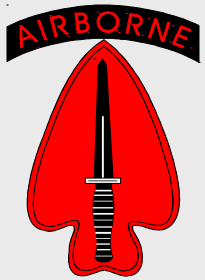
Special Operations

- Who are they?
  - **Selected personnel who receive special training and equipment in order to perform our nation's most sensitive missions.**
- Where do "we" fit in?
  - **Army Special Operations is part of a joint (multi-service) special operations community**

United States Special Operations Command (USSOCO



Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC)	US Army Special Ops Command (USASOC)	Marine Corps Forces Special Ops Command (MARSOC)*	Navy Special Warfare Command (NAVSPEWARCOM)	Air Force Special Ops Command (AFSOC)
Joint Standings Battle Staffs C41 Structure	Special Forces Rangers 160th SOAR Psychological Ops Civil Affairs	FMTU Marine Special Ops BN Marine Special Ops School	Seal Teams Special Boat Unit	Aviation Fixed Wing Rotary Wing Combat Weather SQ Special Tactics GP



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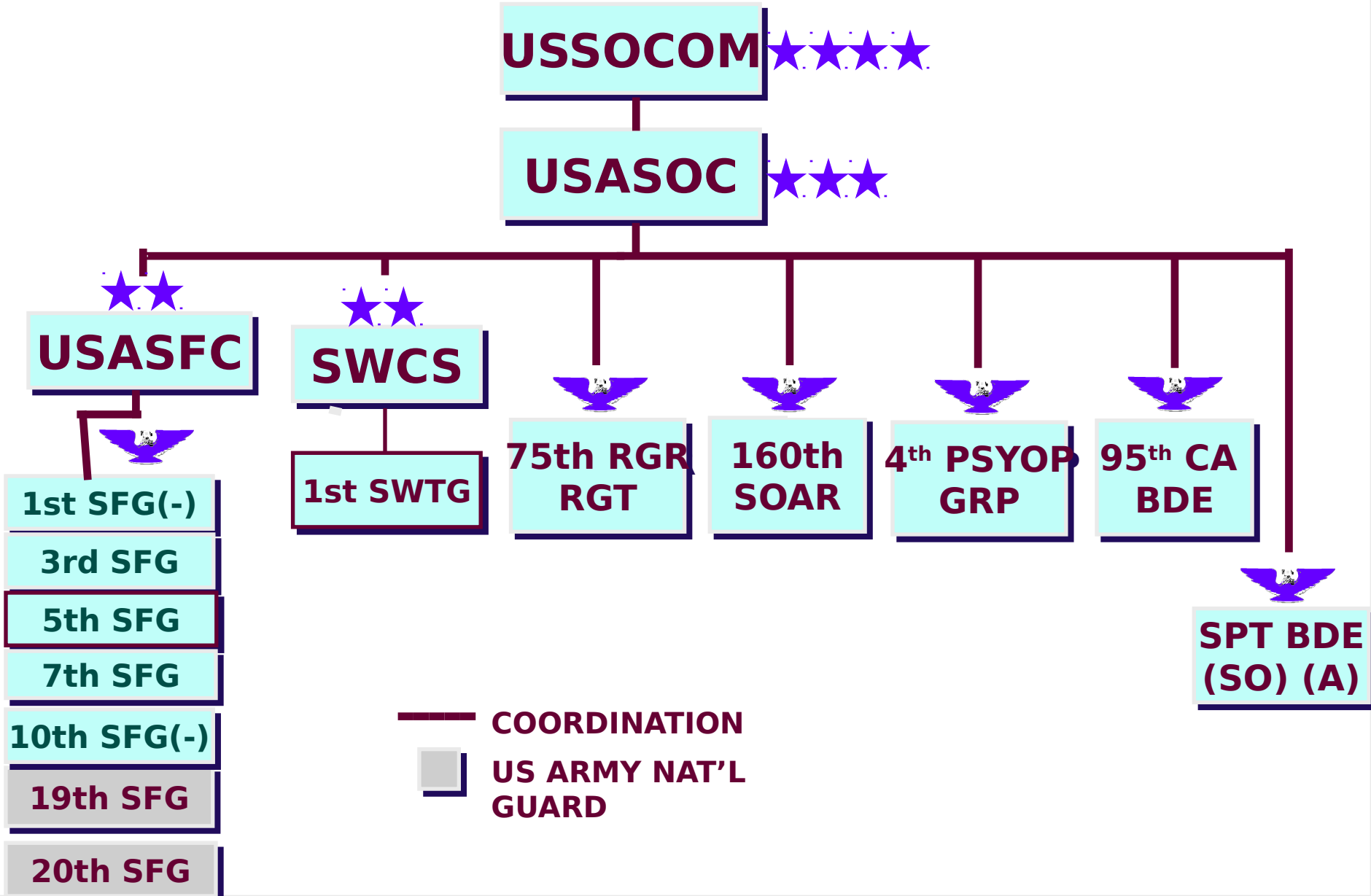
Army Special Operations Forces



Army Special Operations Forces

Special Forces Groups

Ranger Regiment

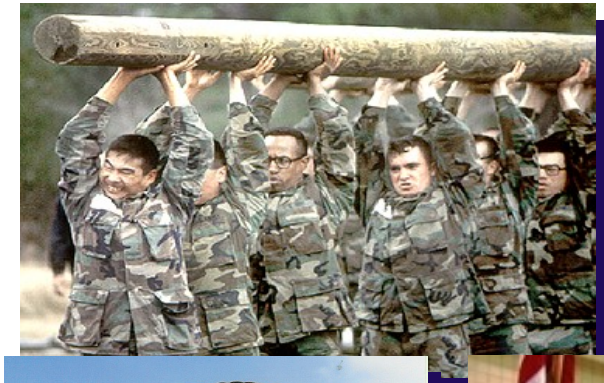
Special Operations Aviation Regiment (SOAR)

Civil Affairs

Psychological Operations

Army Special Operations Forces

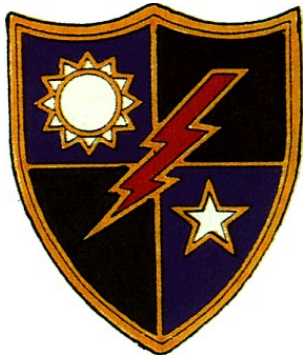
Special Forces Groups (Airborne)



Army Special Operations Forces

75th Ranger Regiment

- Direct Action (raids) operating at platoon (40 man), company (150 man) and battalion (700 man) level



Army Special Operations Forces

160th SOAR

Insertion, extraction and resupply of SOF

Army Special Operations Forces

Civil Affairs

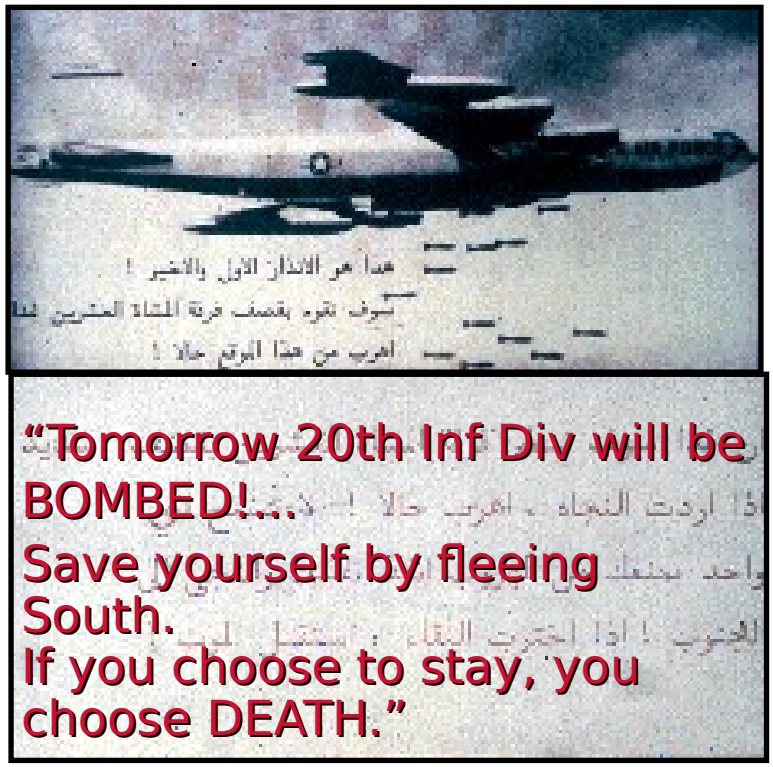
Refugee/civilian control, disaster relief and helping foreign governments rebuild themselves

Army Special Operations Forces

Psychological Operations

- Develop, produce and disseminate leaflets, radio, TV and loudspeaker messages

-Influence people to support U.S. objectives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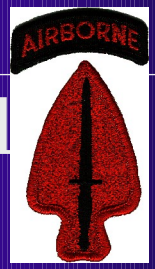
سوف تقوم بقصف فرقة المشاة العشرين غدا
اهرب من هذا البرج حالا !
"Tomorrow 20th Inf Div will be BOMBED!...
Save yourself by fleeing South.
If you choose to stay, you choose DEATH."

ACTIVE SIDE…How does the 19th fit in???

USSOCOM United States Special Operations Command	4 star Command ADM Olson
USASOC United States Army Special Operations Command	3 star Command Lt. Gen. Wagner
USASFC (A) United States Army Special Forces Command	2 star Command MG Csrnko



NATIONAL GUARD SIDE OF THE DESK…

NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU	3 star Command LT. GEN H. STEPHEN BLUM
USASFC (A) UNITED STATES NATIONAL GUARD LIASION	1 star Command BG DEBARTALAMAO
STATE LEVEL	2 star Command MAJOR GENERAL (State TAG's)
HQ, 19TH SFG (A)	COLONEL Command COL MICHEAL ADAMS
1BN 19th SFG(A) 2BN 19th SFG (A) 5BN 19th SFG (A)	LTC RANDY WATT LTC KURT CRYTZER LTC KENNETH CHAVEZ

What makes him so “Special”?

Special Forces Mission

Organize, equip, train, validate and prepare forces for deployment to conduct worldwide special operations, across the range of military operations, in support of regional combatant commanders, American ambassadors, and other agencies as directed.

What makes SF unique?

Regional orientation

Cultural awareness

Experience

Judgment (the good kind)

Language ability

What Makes SF Unique?

Regional Orientation	**-Each group has a specified region of responsibility**
Cultural Awareness	**-Understanding the indigenous people** **Ex: familiarity with the Islamic religion**
Experience	**-Older and more mature!**
Judgment	**-They can apply their maturity and experience to their decision making**
Language Ability	**-Strive to have at least a basic knowledge of a major language in their region of**

Special Forces Functions

- Unconventional Warfare
- Foreign Internal Defense
- Direct Action
- Special Reconnaissance
- Counter Terrorism

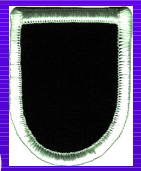
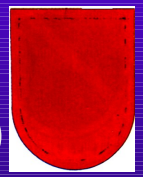
Functions of Special Forces

Unconventional Warfare	Guerrilla warfare. Arming, equipping and teaching the indigenous populace to effectively take up arms against a government hostile to the U.S. Ex- Iraq
Foreign Internal Defense	Training and equipping a force that is in support of a government recognized as legitimate by the U.S. Ex- Iris Gold/Desert Spring
Direct Action	Raids
Special Reconnaissance	Conducting surveillance on an objective and passing information back for analysis and dissemination.

Special Forces Groups

Active Duty Units **National Guard Units**

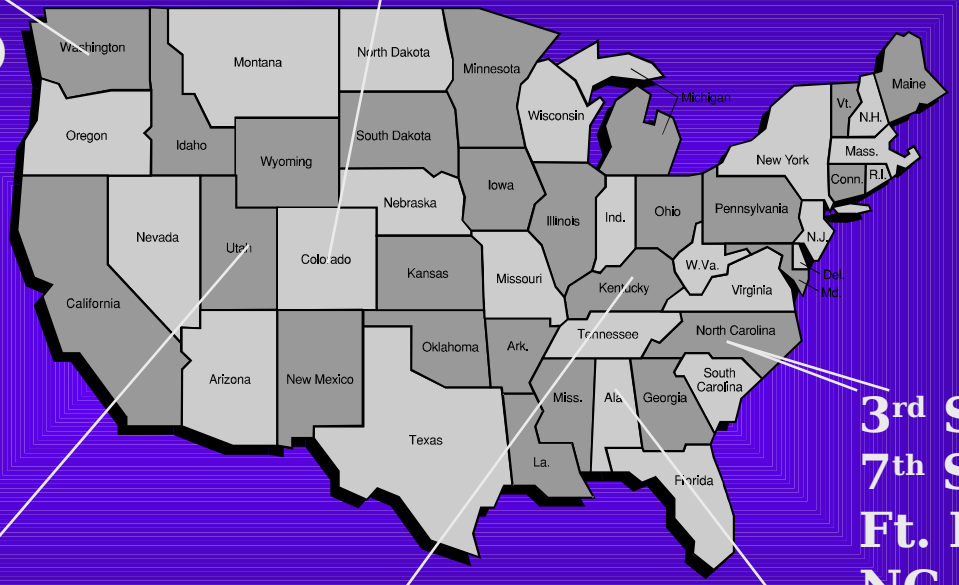
- **1st SFG(A)** **19th SFG(A)**
- **3rd SFG(A)** **20th SFG(A)**
- **5th SFG(A)**
- **7th SFG(A)**
- **10th SFG(A)**

Home Base Locations

2nd & 3rd Bns.
10th SFG(A)
Ft. Carson, CO

2nd & 3rd Bns.
1st SFG(A)
Ft. Lewis, WA



3rd SFG(A)
7th SFG(A)
Ft. Bragg, NC

HQ, 19th SFG (A)
Draper, UT

5th SFG(A)
Ft. Campbell, KY

HQ, 20th SFG (A)
Birmingham, AL

HOW CAN YOU BE SPECIAL FORCES…

WHEN YOU ARE A NATIONAL GUARD UNIT

The 19th and 20th Special Forces Groups are the only two (2) National Guard

Special Forces Groups in the United States Arm

ARNG Special Forces Locations

19th SFG (A)

20th SFG (A)

HQ / 5 / 19th SFG (A)
BSC / 5 / 19th SFG (A)
B / 5 / 19th SFG (A)
Watkins, CO

107th Combat Weather Flight
ISO 20th SFG
Detroit, MI

C / 2 / 19th SFG (A)
Camp Dawson
Kingwood, WV

C / 1 / 20th SFG (A)
AUG - DET / C / 1 / 20th SFG (A)
Springfield, MA

A / 1 / 19th SFG (A)
Buckley, WA

HQ / 19th SFG (A)
HHC / 19th SFG (A)
190th CHEM RECON DET
Draper, UT

C / 5 / 19th SFG (A)
Fort Collins, CO

A / 2 / 20th SFG (A)
Chicago, IL

B / 2 / 19th SFG (A)
Rickenbacker AFB
Columbus, OH

A / 2 / 19th SFG (A)
Midddletown, RI

DET 2 / A / 1 / 19th SFG (A)
Geiger Airfield @ Fairchild AFB
Spokane, WA

DET 1 / A / 1 / 19th SFG (A)
Vancouver, WA

B / 2 / 20th SFG (A)
DET 2 / HHD / 2 / 20th SFG (A)
DET 1 / HHD / 1 / 20th SFG (A)
Glen Arm, MD

GSC / 19th SFG (A)
HQ / 1 / 19th SFG (A)
HHD / 1 / 19th SFG (A)
BSC / 1 / 19th SFG (A)
B / 1 / 19th SFG (A)
C / 1 / 19th SFG (A)
Camp Williams
Riverton, UT

B / 3 / 20th SFG (A)
Fort A.P. Hill, VA

DET 1 / HHD / 3 / 20th SFG (A)
DET 2 / HHD / 1 / 20th SFG (A)
Fort Picket
Blackstone, VA

DET 1 / A / 5 / 19th SFG (A)
Redwood City, CA

HHD/1/20th
BSC/1/20th
Huntsville, AL

HQ / 2 / 19th SFG (A)
BSC / 2 / 19th SFG (A)
Kenova, WV

A / 1 / 20th SFG (A)
Auburn, AL

A / 5 / 19th SFG (A)
Los Alamitos, CA

HQ / 3 / 20th SFG (A)
HHD / 3 / 20th SFG (A)
BSC / 3 /20th SFG (A)
Camp Blanding Joint Training Center
Starke, FL

B / 1 / 20th SFG (A)
Mobile, AL

181st Combat Weather Flight
ISO 19th SFG
Fort Worth, TX

Kentucky Military Intelligence DET
DET 1 / SPT CO / 20th SFG (A)
DET 1 / SPT CO / 1 / 20th SFG (A)
DET 1 / SPT CO / 2 / 20th SFG (A)
DET 1 / SPT CO / 3 / 20th SFG (A)
Louisville, KY

HQ / 2 / 20th SFG (A)
BSC / 2 / 20th SFG (A)
Jackson, MS

HQ / 20th SFG (A)
HHC / 20th SFG (A)
GSC (-) / 20th SFG (A)
DET 2 / GSC / 20th SFG (A)
200th CHEM RECON DET
Birmingham, AL

A / 3 / 20th SFG (A)
Ocala, FL

C / 2 / 20th SFG (A)
DET 1 / HQ / 2 / 20th SFG (A)
Grenada, MS

DET 1 / B / 1 / 20th SFG (A)
Decatur, AL

C / 3 / 20th SFG (A)
Wauchula, FL

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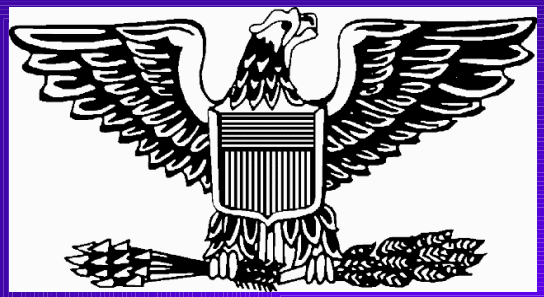
19th Group 101



19th Group

- 1st BN
- 2ND BN
- 5th BN
- HHC
- GSC

Group Command Structure

The next slide shows the Command relationships within the Group and with US Army Special Forces Command (USASFC).

The Units within the 19th Group also maintain Command relationships within their respective States since National Guard Units belong to the Governors until the Units are mobilized.

The 19th SFG(A) has Units in the following States:

Utah, Washington, California, Colorado, West Virginia, Ohio, Rhode Island and the 181st Combat Weather Flight is located in Texas.

GROUP COMMAND STRUCTURE

USASFC Ft. Bragg, NC

19th SFG(A)
HQ
Draper, UT

HHC 19th SFG(A)
GSC 19th SFG(A)
190th Chem Recon DET

1/19th SFG(A)
Camp Williams, UT

2/19th SFG(A)
Kenova, WV

5/19th SFG(A)
Watkins, CO

A, B, C Co's, BSC, HHD & REC
1/19th SFG(A)

A, B, C Co's, BSC & HHD
2/19th SFG(A)

A, B, C Co's BSC & HHD
5/19th SFG(A)

Did you know ???
Group Support Company

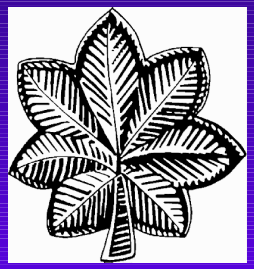
The Group Support Company includes, among others- Medical section, Personnel section, Military Intelligence Detachment, Service Detachment (supply, transportation, mechanical maintenance, riggers, and food section), and the Signal Detachment.

Various members of GSC may be attached to other units within the Group during a deployment.

At Headquarters (HQ) & Battalions (BN) … “The S’s” have it…

- S-1 Personnel
- S-2 Intelligence
- S-3 Operations
- S-4 Logistics
- S-5 Civil Affairs
- S-6 Communications

Battalion Command Structure



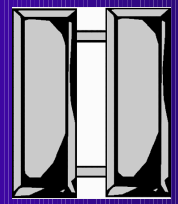
Battalion

A Company

B Company

C Company

Support Company

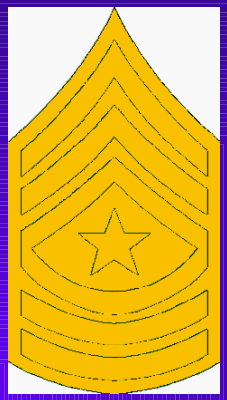


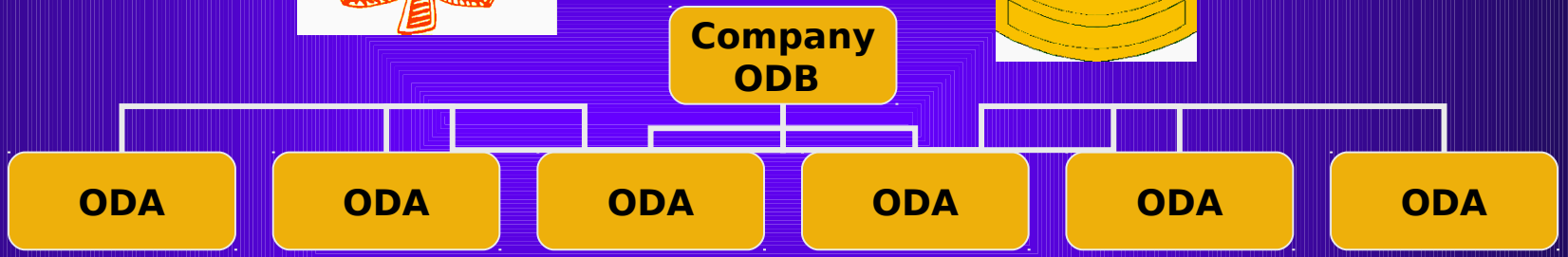
Battalion Support Company

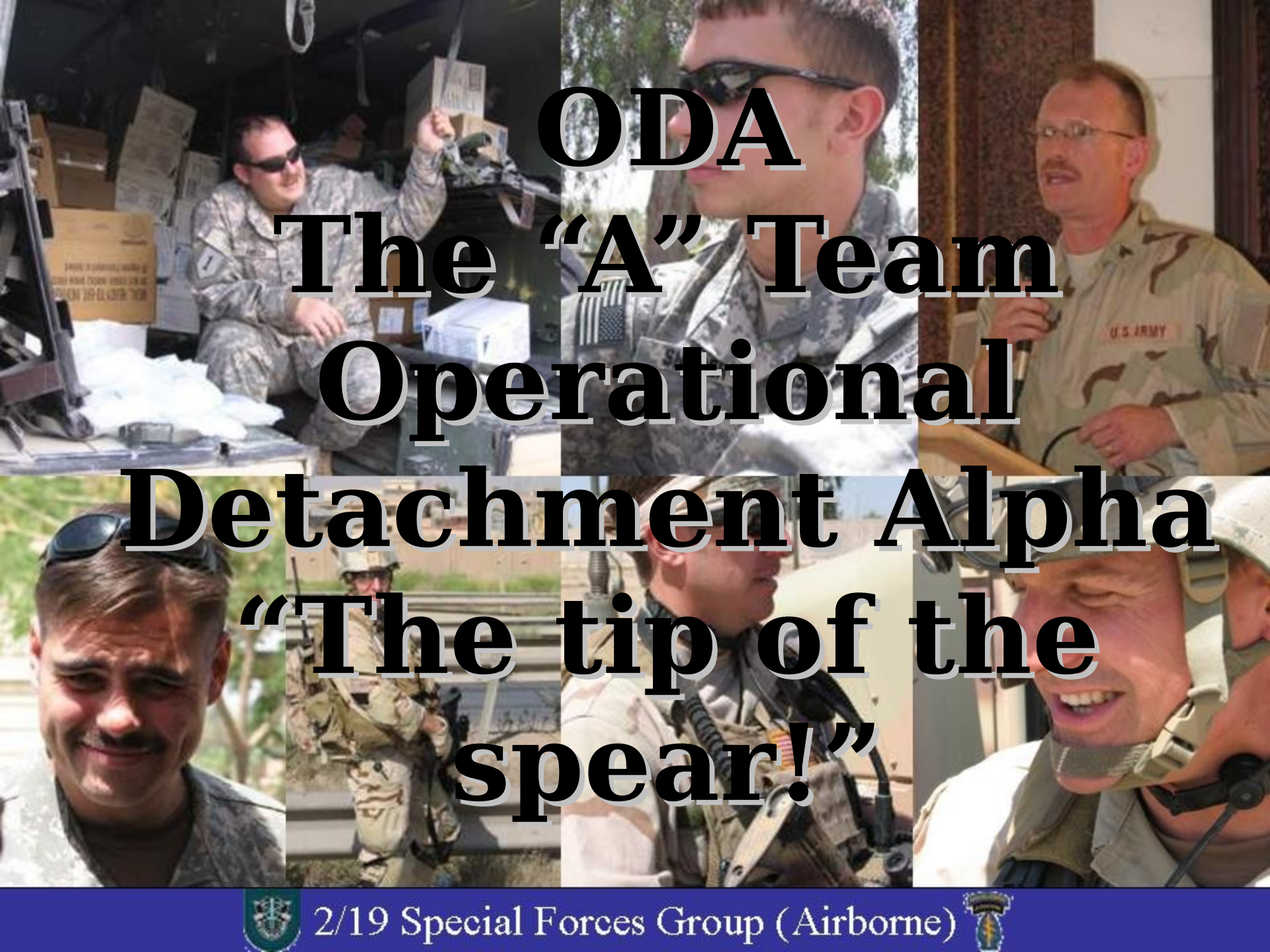
Forward Operating Base also known as Battalion Support Company is the Battalion's support company, commanded by a Captain and assisted by a 1st Sergeant. It consists of Signal, Operations, Intelligence, Medical, and Service detachments.

- Try and deploy an SF Battalion without these guys!

Company Command Structure






ODA
The "A" Team
Operational
Detachment Alpha
"The tip of the
spear!"
2/19 Special Forces Group (Airborne)

“The Team”

- Detachment Commander (18A)
- Detachment Technician (180A)
- Team Sergeant (18Z)
- 1 Intelligence Sergeants (18F)
- 2 Weapons Sergeants (18B)
- 2 Engineer Sergeants (18C)
- 2 Communications Sergeants (18E)
- 2 Medical Sergeants (18D)

Shhhh...

OPSEC

(Operational Security)

What is OPSEC?

OPSEC is guarding the information we do know, because little bits of information combined with other little bits of information can provide a large picture for someone (or a group) that would like nothing more than to harm the U.S., its military, and citizens, at home or abroad.

What is OPSEC?

… keeping potential adversaries from discovering our critical information. As the name suggests, it protects our operations – planned, in progress and those completed. Success depends on secrecy and surprise, so the military can accomplish the mission quicker and with less risk. Enemies of freedom want our information, and they're not just after the military member to get it. They want you, the family member.

OPSEC and Special Forces

- A. **Importance**
- B. **Using OPSEC online**
  - **DO NOT disclose Military movements**
  - **DO NOT disclose personal information about spouse**
  - **Email, IM's can be "phished", "stolen" and redirected.**
  - **Personal websites**
  - **Telephone, satellite phones and cell phones**
- **C. Media**

Why not and how come?!?!?

- **Military movements (deployment/redeployment dates, dates of field exercises, flight information etc.) … next Tuesday IS a specific date**
- **Any issues with the unit**
- **Anything concerning security**
- **Equipment issues (what, no body armor?)**
- **Locations of units (it's OK to say they're in Iraq, but not to say that your spouses battalion is at 14th and Ramadan in Kadamiyah)**
- **Personal transactions that occur in large numbers (pay information, powers of attorney, wills and deployment information)**
- **References to trend in unit morale**
- **Personnel problems**
- **Details concerning security procedures**

Personal OPSEC

- **Be Aware of your surroundings**
- **Watch what you say and who you are talking to while in public**
- **Refrain from displaying identifiers on yourself, cars and homes**
- **Never admit that he's NOT home to someone calling**
- **DO NOT GIVE OUT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR SOLDIER TO ANYONE CALLING!!!! CALL HIS HOME BASED ARMORY IMMEDIATELY IF THIS SHOULD HAPPEN.**
- **IF THERE ARE ANY UNUSUAL CONTACTS, AT WORK OR HOME IMMEDIATELY CONTACT YOUR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY I.E. PERSONNEL APPEARING IN AN IMPROPER UNIFORM, NOT POSSESSING INFORMATION THEY SHOULD KNOW, ETC.**

Just DON’T DO IT

- Clubs/Bars
- Restaurants
- Gyms
- Shopping
- Public transportation
- Basically anywhere someone you don’t know could be listening

Media Attention

Best advice is **DON'T!** But if you **MUST**...Keep a few things in mind. National Guard Bureau, USASFC and USASOC (both at Ft. Bragg) requests that you call their Public Affairs Office **and** the Public Affairs Office of the state your soldier is with **BEFORE** you speak... the number for the USASFC PAO is 910-432-6005 or you can email them at PAO@soc.mil or Major Jim Gregory at

OPSEC Measures You Should Practice Online

- **Do not discuss sensitive information in**
  - **E-mails**
  - **Chat rooms/instant messaging**
  - **Blogs**
- **Avoid posting excessive personal information on your family website**
  - **When spouses deploy**
  - **Your family members full names, ages or where they attend school**
  - **Your address**
  - **Rank/MOS**

"A picture is worth a thousand words..." Keep this in mind when posting them.

Remember... Anything put on the Internet is available to ANYONE on the Internet...It IS the World Wide Web

A Few OPSEC Terms

These are a few words you'll hear often when talking about OPSEC:

Critical Information - Specific facts about you as well as our military intentions, capabilities, operations or activities

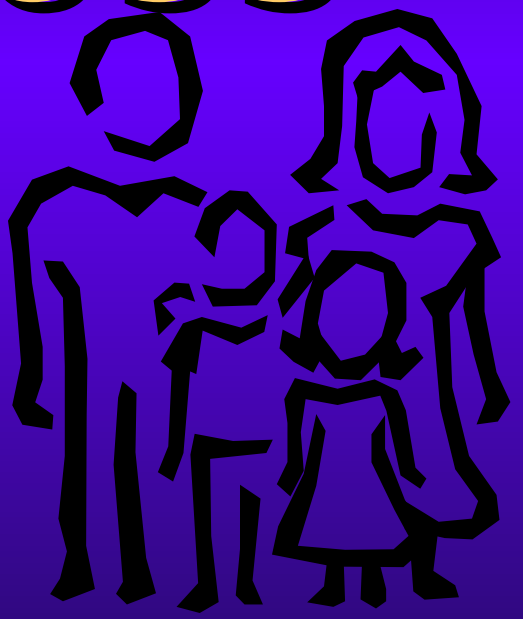
Indicators - Any activity that seems innocent but could point to critical information

Vulnerability - A weakness that someone can use to get your critical information

Risk - The probability that someone will gain your critical information, and the damage that could be caused if they are successful

Countermeasures - Things you can do to stop others from learning your Critical Information

Family Readiness Groups



FRGs… What They Do

- Help families become more knowledgeable and self reliant
- Reduce soldier and family member stress
- Answer questions
- Establish a sense of family within the unit
- Increase attention to the mission
- Provide a way of gaining information, support and control during deployment and other times

FRGs… What They Don’t Do

- A babysitting service
- A social worker
- A loan agency
- Part of the casualty notification service
- All things to all people all the time!

What's in it for me?

- A mutual support linkage of family members, volunteers, soldiers and friends belonging to the unit.
- An education source for the SF family.
- A communication network among family members, the chain of command, and community resources.
- REMEMBER… it's two way COMMUNICATION!

Who keeps calling me- and what do they want?

- The Chain of Concern (Phone Tree)
  - What is it?
  - How does it work?
  - What can you do to make it more effective.
  - Do I have to be a part?

Thank you for taking the time to participate in this briefing. Our goal is to provide you with a greater understanding of our security concerns. The information in this guide is not intended to make you paranoid or suspicious that everyone you meet is a spy or terrorist. But stay alert… if any stranger shows excessive interest in the affairs of your family members, military or not, please notify the proper authorities.

Time’s up!

Ask questions…

Find answers

THANK YOU

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Recommended Books:

- Special Forces: A Guided Tour of US Army Special Forces by Tom Clancy
- Imperial Grunts: On the Ground with the American Military from Mongolia to the Philippines to Iraq and Beyond by Robert D. Kaplan